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The cited document is listed on the attached PTO Form 1449.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached form.

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